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Mr. Eric Newman, President
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Re: Minerals Recovery Corp.
South Lisbon Mine
San Juan County, Utah
ACT/037/018

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for submitting the revised map of your operation showing the location of the access and haul roads. I apologize for my confusion regarding the pit and highwalls. As you may surmise we have quite a few mining plans to work on and things can get pretty hectic at times.

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining adopted the "Changes and Additions to the General Rules and Regulations" on March 22, 1978, to become effective on June 1, 1978. Please find enclosed a copy of the new changes. In particular, Rule M-10, Reclamation Standards, should be of interest to you. Essentially, these reclamation standards are things that the Division has required in the past. They have been established as a rule to protect the operator and the State so that there will be no misunderstanding concerning the reclamation at some time in the future.

The Division is in the process of revising the basic forms (MR-1 & MR-2) to include provisions to take into account the new Rule M-10. There will also be a place on the form, for the operator to sign, stating that he will commit to complying with those reclamation standards which are applicable. Until the new forms are available, we are asking operators who have not, as yet, received final approval to make such a statement in writing, rather than refile the new forms.

We would appreciate your going through the new reclamation standards and preparing a statement committing to complying with those sections that apply to your operation. When we have reached a mutual agreement regarding your reclamation plans we will grant tentative approval and publish an abbreviated form of your reclamation plan to solicit public comment. If there are no adverse comments within the required thirty (30) day waiting period,

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we will estimate a reclamation bond and grant final approval upon receipt of the surety. By the time we have been through the entire approval process the new rules will be in effect.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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